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Grant of a visa for India to Miss Martha Louise Root,
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Subject.

Application from Martha Louise Root, American Journalist, for the grant of a visa for India.

Notes and Orders.

Telegram from the Chief Secretary, Colombo, dated the 13th September, 1937.

The Government of Sind may be consulted. A draft is submitted. D.I.B. may see after issue.

There are no previous papers on the subject

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15.9.37.

E. 1479

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William
1579

Telegram to Sind Govt. no F17/125/37. Dtd 15.9.37.

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HA. u/o no. F17/125/37 Pdt of 14/9/37

Seen; Thanks.

William
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H.W.
B u/o No. 23/F1/37 8)

Sept. 37

copy

Telegram from the Govt. of Ceylon, dated 16.9.37.

A draft telegram to the Govt. of Ceylon is put up (D.F.A-I). As that Govt. promised to pay the expenses of telegram, we may ask them to do so as in the draft letter (D.F.A-II).

21.9.37.

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us(2)

We have since heard from the lady,
we had better see what she says.

M. H. P. M.
21/9

copy

Letter from Miss Martha Louis Root, dated Colombo, the 16th. Sep. 1937.

A typed copy of the letter is placed below. The contents of our telegram to Colombo will no doubt be made known to Miss M. L. Root. The above two drafts may issue.

22.9.37.

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An asterisk letter. Issue

M. H. P. M.
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[Under Secy has directed that this file should be sent to D.F.B. before the drafts issue.]

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D.F.B. (Mr Hamilton)

H.O. w/o No. 12/125/37 P.M. 22/9/37

many thanks. I am afraid
the recent calamities through
which she has passed have affected
the lady's none too stable brain
we still have no objection to her visiting
India.

W. St. Hamilton

22.9.37

H.D.

D. J. B. no. 23/10/37 D

Sept. 37

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Telegram to Chief Secy. Colombo
no. 7.17/125/37-Poll. dt-22-9-37

Letter to the Govt. of Ceylon, no. 7.17/125/37-Poll.
dt-23.9.37 & Encl. to the Finance Dept.
of the same no. & date.

Telegram from the Govt. of Ceylon, dated the 22nd. Sep.
1937.

Letter from the Govt. of Bombay, no. 1991-34A, dated the 20th. Sep. 1937.

Puc. I Our reply has already issued. No action is
required on this.

Puc. II In her letter, Mrs. Rook sent that she had
written to the Mayors of Karachi and Bombay about her
visit to India. ~~and that she would soon be proceeding to Bombay.~~
The Bombay Govt. letter is with reference
to Mrs. Rook's letter to the Mayors of Bombay. We may inform
the Princ. Govt. in a self-contained letter what action we

have already taken. A draft is submitted.

[Signature]
24.9.37.

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[Signature]
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Letter to the Govt. of Bombay, P. & R. & Reforms
Dept. no. 7. 17/125/37-P. & R. dt 28/9/37

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Letter from the Govt. of Ceylon, no. D. 154/37, dated
the 25th. Sept. 1937.

Thro' Cashier.

For information. This will presumably be adjusted
under the miscellaneous receipt head in Home
Dep't.

[Signature]
5.10.37.

E 27/10

[Signature]
5.10.37

Thro' Cash Br

[Signature]
5/11

Recd

Cor 26

Letter from the A.G., C.R., no. FC 4-4-1570, dated the
25th. October 1937.

For information.

[Signature]
5.11.37.

E 27/11

[Signature]
6.11.37

Thro' Cash Br

[Signature]
5.11.37

Recd

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Telegraph Code.

Telegram.

From:- Chief Secretary, Colombo.

To :- Home Department,

Dated the 13th September 1937.



Martha Louise Root American journalist desires of
visiting India journalism purposes, has made two previous
visits. Mayor of Karachi recommends. Telegraph urgently if
any objection to issue of visa. Cost of telegram recoverable.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Received here at _____ H. _____ M.

No.



X NG COLOMBO SECRETARIAT 13-30 ILLUSTRÉ SIMLA =

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File No.
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~~Letter~~
~~Memorandum~~
Telegram

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*Only for
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No. F.17/ 125 /37 Dated 13th Septem 19 37

To

Sind

Karachi.

1st Reminder

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3rd Reminder

Heading :

Case or Diary No.

If post copy of telegram required

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Following telegram received from

Chiefsec Colombo. Begins Martha Louise.

(Code word for telegrams.)

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Received here at 10 H. 20 M.

SIND SECTT KARACHI 16 STE 28 HOME SIMLA =

YOUR TELEGRAM NO 17/125/37- POLL DATED 15 TH INSTT

REGARDING MARTHA ROOT AAA PROVINCIAL GOVT HAVE NO

OBJECTION TO ISSUE OF VISA TO HER = SIND =

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21 SEP. 1937

Diary No.

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on board

Care of American Consul,
Colombo, Ceylon,
September 16, '37

*If this makes
attempt to type then
leave here and it
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TO the Home Government
Department, Simla, India.

My dear Sirs:

I write to ask you about a
visa for India. On August 9, in
Shanghai I rec'd. a visa which
reads: "visa good for twelve
months travelling to all British
territory, British protectorates
and mandated territory. not
available for Iraq, Palestine
or the Sudan." Now I wished
especially to go to India, that I
am a journalist, a Baluchistan,
and also I wish to visit India.
He perhaps had not understood
I am a journalist - though
it is written clearly in my
passport. He asked me to
give him the passport, and

I he wrote underneath: 5

"not valid for India without
authority from Government
of India." And told me to get
the visa when I reached
Hong Kong. I expected to leave
Aug. 25 for Hong Kong & Canton
to stay six months.

Then Aug. 14, the Bombing came
over the International Settlement
& I nearly lost my life. I bought
a ticket on the "President
Jefferson" & came to Manila
(though I had a round the
world ticket on the N.Y.K. Line).
I was only allowed one suitcase
— because 500 evacuees came
on that ship. Therefore eleven
suitcases with all my addresses
for India, and my articles
in magazines and book about
India are still in Shanghai.

The night I reached Manila
the Earthquake came when
I was in the Custom House.
I never dreamed I could not
get the visa easily for India
in any city. When I went to get
it just as I was leaving Manila
on the "President Pierce", they
said I must visit India.

I reached Singapore on
Sunday and Monday morning
went to see about this card.
They said I must wire and
await reply. I spoke to the
American Consul and he
advised that I leave the money
for them to wire & send the
answer to me to Colombo.
I took the money to them &
after consultation, they said
not to leave the money for
the telegram but to go on
to Colombo and telephone
from Colombo. Last Monday,
Sept. 13, when I reached here,
I went at once to our
American Consulate and then
on to the British Passport
office. (Meantime the night
before I left Singapore I had
wired a friend in Karachi
to ask Mayor Melita, my friend
who knows me, to wire to
Colombo recommending me
as a Baluchistan journalist.
(And he did so, he wired
the British Passport office
here on Sept. 8.).

Also, I sent air mail letters
to Karachi, and to the American
Consul in Bombay, and to
the Mayor of Bombay explaining
how it was about the Visa
and how it is that I do
not have the magazines or
book "Balai's World" to
show what I have written
about India — and I do not
have the addresses of the
Balai's friends in India.
But I did learn thirty letters
of introduction with me
from our Statesmen at
home, from educators
and Broadcasting directors
and editors.

I thought it was in Bombay
one had to get the Visa,
but yesterday I learned
it is Simla, and so I write
you this letter.

I left two and one-half L
with Mr. L. A. North Croft
(his telephone is
2644,

77 (extension 70)

on board

for him to telegraph to Judith
& pay the reply from you.
He has been very kind.
I have been through India
twice. I was in Sumatra in 1930.
I wrote about the culturally
spiritual India and I thought
they were pleased, in fact I
look upon the people of India
as very dear friends. I spoke in
more than two hundred
universities and colleges and
other schools. I never speak or
write about politics it doesn't
interest me, and as Balia's
we never do that. My teacher,
'Abdu'l Balia, was knighted
Sir 'Abdu'l Balia Abbas
by the British Government
in Hong Kong, in 1921, for his
work toward universal
peace. He was my guest when
he came to Pittsburgh,
Penn. in our country
in 1912.

6. I have never had a visa questioned before, and I have travelled constantly for twenty years.

When I asked why it is, they said some people have written against India and also some people are Communists.

I give you my word I have never written one word except good-will and constructive articles about India. She has a great contribution to give to the West. As for Communism, no one hates it more than I. 'Abdullah Balia' was very against Communism.

In Hyderabad Deccan I was a guest of the State, Sir Amin Jung arranged it.

At Simla Hill I was the guest of the Maharaja of Patiala for three days. I went with Mr. Prithvi Singh who had been the teacher of the Maharaja.

I had an interview with the Maharaja of Benares and several other Indian Princes.

I spoke twice in the School
of Rabindranath Tagore. 16
You may think it was
"political" that I interviewed
Mrs. Sorojinā Naidy, President of
the Women's Club of India, but
we didn't mention politics. The
interview was about her visit
with 'Abdu'l Baki when she
called upon him in London.

Prof. L. P. Jack arranged &
I lectured at Oxford University.
I spoke almost every evening
in London for six weeks
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in London: "An American
Journalist Views the Dominions."

I have broadcast from
my station in Australasia
and South Africa.

I should be very grieved
if anything happened to my
good name that I couldn't
get a visa in India or any
other country in the world.
And even more grieved that
it would hurt the Bahā'ī
Faith which aims for the
oneness of humanity and
the universal peace. 17 10)

8 Before mailing this I have
telephoned Mr Northcroft
and he tells me he thinks
it is quite all right to
write you. I also told our
American Consul here.

If you wire or telephone
to Mr. Northcroft, I shall
be so grateful, for I should
like to go to Bombay as soon
as possible.

Please know I wish to do
everything that is fair and
right for India, and I know
you will do everything that
is fair and right for me.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours most sincerely,
Martha L. Root.

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Miss

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I left two-and-one half £ with Mr. L.A. Northcroft (his telephone is 2644 extension 70) for him to telegraph to India, and pay the reply from you. He has been very kind.

I have been through India thrice. I was in Simla in 1930. I wrote about the culturally spiritual India and I thought they were pleased, in fact I look upon the people of India as very dear friends. I spoke in more than two hundred universities and colleges and other schools, I never speak or write about politics, it does not interest me, and as Bahais we never do that. My teacher, Abdul-baha, was knighted Sir Abdul Baha Abbas by the British Govt. in Haifa, in 1921, for his work toward universal peace. He was my guest when he came to Pittsburg, Penna. in our country in 1912.

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Miss Martha L. Root, lecturer, traveler and journalist, will lecture on the subject "Educational Movements toward Internationalism, especially in the Near and Far East", at Harvard University in Room D, Emerson Hall, at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon, July 27. The lecture will be open to the public without admission charge.

The lecturer has recently returned to this country for a few months writing and broadcasting, and to lecture in several American universities. On her last world journey she has been travelling uninterruptedly during the past nine years through Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australasia.

Her lectures have been delivered at the Universities of Oxford, Berlin and Leipzig, in the Balkan universities, some of the universities of India, Sun Yat Sen University in Canton, and the National Central University of Nanking, China, the leading Japanese universities, Hawaii, and on her trip across this continent in recent weeks she has lectured at the largest American universities en route. Her first talk at the summer schools of Eastern universities was delivered at Durham, the University of New Hampshire, last week. She expects to return to her work in Europe in December.

She numbers among her acquaintances, and those whom she has interviewed, or to whom she has been presented, King Feisal of Iraq, King Zog of Albania, and the Dowager Queen Marie of Rumania, President Masaryk of Czechoslovakia, Mr. Teymouratche, Minister of the Court of Persia, and Prince Mohamed Ali Pasha of Egypt.

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C/O MRS. S. BALDWIN
HONOLULU, HAWAII

DEAR MADAM:

We were pleased to have your broadcast over KOMB from our Royal Hawaiian Studios Sunday night Jan 11th., and we know the address was well received.

Our broadcasts Sunday nights are also listened to Saturday nights by many thousands of people in far off New Zealand and Australia, in addition to Hawaii and the West Coast of the United States.

We take pleasure in extending you an open invitation when you come our way again.

Your lecture on Baha-i was wonderful.

Yours very truly

Attending
A. Henley-General Manager

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TELEGRAMS
ETMANUZE RANG LONDON

SAVOY HILL, LONDON, W.C.2

When replying please quote: PT/GSTJS

19th October, 1926.

Miss Martha L. Root,
8, Kildare Gardens,
W.2.

Dear Miss Root,

Thank you for your letter of 16th October. I note that we shall receive your manuscript by Monday next at latest. If by any chance you can manage to bring it yourself on Thursday afternoon it would, I think, be better, as then if there are any alterations to be made I can explain them to you verbally so much better than in a letter.

Yours sincerely,

Programmes.

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RADIO ENTERTAINMENTS, INC.

TELEPHONE FRANKLIN 0200

BELLEVUE HOTEL

SAN FRANCISCO

February 13th, 1931.

Miss Martha L. Root,
Bellevue Hotel,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Miss Root:

May I express our appreciation of your interesting broadcast over this station recently, when you discussed "Esperanto, the Universal Language".

Your handling of the subject as an adjunct to world peace, was most interesting and constructive.

You are doing a good work; it has been a pleasure to have you with us.

Sincerely,

RADIO ENTERTAINMENTS, INC.,

Alan Hershey
Program Director.

DM/NC

March 16, 1923

THE STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
CHARLES A. LORTY, PRESIDENT

FORT COLLINS, COLORADO
February 26, 1931

Mrs. Martha L. Root
c/o Mr. Willard P. Hatch
3440 Wilshire Blvd.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Root:

Thank you for your letter of February 7. I regret this delay due to much absence from the office.

We have written Mrs. Brandt as per copy enclosed.

It is a pleasure for us to arrange for you to address our general assembly at three o'clock in the afternoon of March 18. We have about 1400 students and meet in the men's gymnasium. A good amplifying system makes speaking easy.

We will appreciate hearing from you further.

Cordially yours,
Charles A. Lorty
President

CAL:mo
Encl.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am glad to testify to the high character and sincere principles of Miss Martha Root, who is traveling throughout various countries with the idea of helping to bring a better understanding among the different peoples.

Any courtesies that you may be able to extend Miss Root will be thoroughly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Allen D. Daniel
Head of Department.

HEP:PM

THE KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS
EABLE ARTHUR JENSEN - KAMEHAMEHA
HONOLULU, T. H.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 21, 1931

Miss Martha L. Root,
c/o Mrs. C.W. Cooper,
2550 Buchanan Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Miss Root:

I wish to express to you our appreciation of your address to our students and faculty last week. Your enthusiasm seemed to be caught by our students, who followed you very closely and who, I hope, profited very much by getting your international viewpoint.

Under separate cover I am sending you, with the best wishes of The Kamehameha Schools, a copy of the memorial edition of the "Friend", devoted to The Kamehameha Schools, and a copy of our school catalogue. I hope you will enjoy perusing these publications.

Yours very truly,

Frank E. Midkiff
Frank E. Midkiff,
President.

WHEATON COLLEGE
NORTON, MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

4 Feb 1931

My Dear Miss Root-

Allen McDaniel writes me that you may find it possible to give some talks in the early part of July. We are just making up our program and we could arrange to have you give some lectures or talks on your travels. *Ok Green. Here*

Could you be with us at least the first two weeks in July and could you give us, say two or three talks each week? These could come in the evening and then more people would be able to attend.

I followed your work in Europe with the greatest interest, especially your talks with the German faculty and I look forward with the keenest interest to your experience there.

If you will let me know as soon as convenient what you can do we will get a notice to that effect in the News Letter.

Very sincerely,

G. A. Shook

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April 23, 1931

My dear Mrs. Moffett:

The Art Institute will be pleased to accept Miss Root's gracious offer to speak to the students on Monday morning, May 4, at nine o'clock, in Pullerton Hall. I understand that Miss Root's talk will be on the subject of the Youth Movement in China or something similar. Thank you very much for your interest in calling Miss Root to our attention, and please convey to her our thanks for her willingness to talk.

Very truly yours,

Charles Fabens Kelley
Charles Fabens Kelley

Assistant Director and Dean of the School

Mrs. Robert L. Moffett,
4526 Beacon Street,
Chicago, Illinois

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ZONTA CLUB OF HONOLULU



Honolulu, Hawaii
January 15, 1931

To all our Zonta Sisters
on the Mainland of the United States:

Dear Friends:

This will introduce to you Miss Martha Root, world traveler and lecturer, who has recently been sojourning in Honolulu.

Miss Root has an inspiring message for all women; we have grown to love her during her short stay with us, both for her winning personality and her good works. We affectionately commend her to your interest.

Miss Root will carry with this letter our heartiest Aloha to you all, and in spirit we place a lei about your necks.

Aloha nui loa oe.

ZONTA CLUB OF HONOLULU

J. Jessie Rae Long
J. Jessie Rae Long
President

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GUEST MEETING

Next Monday, April 27th

The speaker at this next meeting will be

Miss Martha L. Root

on the subject

"WOMAN'S PLACE IN THE NEW WORLD ORDER"

Miss Root is an interesting and unique world traveler and lecturer, internationally known for her journalistic work, her unusual talent as an esperantist, her world-wide university associations and her contact with several of the crowned heads of Europe and the Orient. She is a person of prominence in international affairs in Geneva, and has just returned from a nine year world tour which carried her into almost every important country on the globe. With this background, she should present her subject most ably.

There will also be music, and a little necessary business. The attached sheet contains the names of eight prospective members to be voted on at the meeting. If you have objections or questions on any of these candidates, please get in touch with Cora Smith, Membership Chairman, prior to the date of the meeting; telephone Whitehall 7900, Local 142.

Drop unopened Reservation Card in the mail right away, before you forget.

Kora G. Losley
Corresponding Secretary

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March 19, 1924.

To Whom It May Concern:

The bearer of this letter is Miss Martha L. Root, she while working her own charges is taking a great deal attention to educational work similar to that done by missionaries, and for this work she receives no compensation. In another word, we would consider her a missionary worker although she makes her own way by writing and newspaper work. Miss Root has recently given lectures in our Y.M.C.A.'s in Shanghai and in Hankow in behalf of universal peace and these have been much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

W. W. L. L. L.

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August 10th.
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Miss Martha Root
485 Park Avenue
New York City
N.Y.

My dear Miss Root:-

On behalf of Station WOR and the thousands of listeners who heard you, I want to thank you most heartily for your very interesting talk on "How I Interview" on Wednesday, July 29th. It was indeed a treat and in addition to the intimate glimpses it gave of world-famous men and women, the message behind those interviews of World Peace reached, I am sure, the hearts of your listeners and helped immeasurably to spread the principle of universal peace.

May I thank you personally as director of the Morning Program of WOR for your aid in making that program of great interest to our public.

Cordially yours,

Helen Hancock
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104 Wall Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Root:

May I express to you my appreciation for the two educational lectures which you broadcast from WEEL. They had remarkable success.

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Very truly yours,

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"And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth," The Acts 17-26.

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Mr. Wm. H. Wilson, Editor of Enterprise.

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ADDRESS-"LIVING TOGETHER."

Rev. George T. Ashley, Pastor of First
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ADDRESS-"WHAT THE BAHAI MOVEMENT DOES
FOR INTERNATIONAL AMITY."

Miss Martha L. Root,
Noted world traveler and lecturer.

"The lovers of mankind, these are the superior men of whatever nation, creed or color they may be." 'Abdul-Baha.

Colorado Program

Miss Martha L. Root, American journalist and international speaker was in Colorado from March 13 to 21, 1931. Her program was as follows:

March 13, Friday, at 3 o'clock, address before the American Association of University Women of Denver, International Relations Group, "Great Women I Have Met." Miss Elizabeth Fackel, Chairman, Y. W. C. A., Tremont Street.

March 14, Saturday, wrote articles and visited editors; at 8 P. M. Lecture in Capitol Life Building, "Universal Peace: What We Can Do To Help Bring It"; 9:30 P. M., address before the Compositian Club of Denver University and School of Mines of Denver University, "Youth's Place in the New World Order."

March 15, Sunday, at 10 A. M., a talk before the Adult Bible Class of Seventeenth Avenue Community Church, Rev. Dr. J. T. Carlyon Pastor, "The Baha'i Movement"; 4 P. M., Phyllis Wheatley, Y. W. C. A., "Interracial Aspects of the Baha'i Movement"; 8 P. M., address before Theosophical Society at Denver, "The Baha'i Movement."

March 16, Monday, trip to Fort Collins. 3 P. M. address before General Assembly State Agricultural College of Colorado and four hundred invited guests from Fort Collins High School, two thousand present, "Youth's Place in the New World Order," followed by questions and answers. Return to Denver at 11 P. M.

March 17, Tuesday, 10 A. M., audience and interview with Mr. William Adams, Governor of Colorado; 11:15 A. M., lecture before the General Assembly of Hill School of Theology, University Campus, "What Is New in the Baha'i Teachings"; 1 P. M., address before the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce of Denver, "Youth's Place in the New World Order"; 3 P. M., Lecture, Capitol Life Building, "The Life of 'Abdul Baha'"; 4:30 P. M., in Psi Beta Phi House, University of Denver, "What is the Baha'i Movement?" lecture arranged by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. of Denver University; dinner in the Y. W. C. A. on the Campus; 8 P. M., Lecture in Capitol Life Building, "Baha'i Scientific Proofs of Life After Death"; one hundred and fifty to two hundred present at each of these lectures in Capitol Life Building.

March 18, Wednesday, 10 A. M., Lecture before General Assembly Manual Training High School, Denver, "Youth's Place in the New World Order"; 12 o'clock, Kiwanis Club Luncheon, Albany Hotel, Denver, "What the East Can Give the West"; 2:15 P. M., Lecture before Washington Park Women's Club, "Great Women and Their Place in World Affairs"; 3 P. M., Lecture in Capitol Life Building, "Prayer and the Baha'i Movement"; 5:30 P. M., went with friends in motor car to Colorado Springs, arriving 8 P. M., Lecture at 8 P. M. on "My World Travels in the Interest of Universal Peace."

March 19, Thursday, 9:30 A. M., Broadcast Lecture over K F U M, Colorado Springs, "Esperanto and the Baha'i Movement"; 11 A. M., address before General Assembly Colorado College in Colorado Springs 600 present. "Youth's Place in the New World Order"; 1 P. M., Lecture before General Assembly Colorado Springs High School, 1,300 present, "Universal Peace: What You Can Do To Help Bring It"; 3 P. M., Lecture in District Court Room No. 1, "What Form Will the New Civilization Take?"; 8 P. M., Lecture, "The New Universal Education"; took motor car with friends from Colorado Springs back to Denver.

March 20, 8 A. M., started to Boulder, arriving at 9:30 A. M.; 11:30 A. M., Lecture before General Assembly Boulder High School, nearly one thousand present, "Youth's Place in the New World Order"; 1 P. M., Rotary Club Luncheon in Boulderado Hotel, several University of Colorado professors, several presidents of other clubs, several clergymen and seventy Rotarians present, "Universal Education for World Peace"; 3 P. M., was motored back to Denver; 8 P. M., Lecture, Capitol Life Building, "The New Spirit of Persia."

March 21, Saturday, 8:30 A. M., Broadcast over K F X F, Denver, "How To Pray"; 12 o'clock, guest at luncheon of Foundation of the Advancement of the Social Sciences, University of Denver; 3 P. M., Lecture, Capitol Life Building, "The Divine Art of Living"; 8 P. M., Feast of Navruz, in the home of Mrs. Jossey Clark, one of the first Baha'is of Denver; she had entertained 'Abdul Baha' in her home for tea when he visited Denver in 1912.

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ALBANY HOTEL—12:10 P. M.

Oh! Oh!

Here's Another One!

These interesting meetings are coming so fast and furiously that we don't see how you can stay away.

Stanley T. Wallbank

will introduce to us—

MISS MARTHA ROOT

American Journalist and Lecturer, who has been travelling and living all over the world. She announces her subject as

"What the East Can Give to the West"

(Incidentally Miss Root has been known to lecture in some half dozen institutions in one day)

Draw your own conclusions whether this will be interesting or not
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Bucuresti, 27 JAN 1926

Dear Miss Root,

In connection with your very kind proposition to hold a conference before the Society "Friends of United States", I regret very much having to announce you, that to our greatest disappointment there will be no conference next Saturday.—But we shall arrange for a conference on Saturday following, that is on the 6th of February, and we shall be very pleased, if you would kindly hold a conference on that day.—

Waiting for an answer from you,

I remain very truly yours

Y. Savațanu
Secretary of Legation
at the Legation of Romania

Miss Root Hotel "Majestic"—

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Volume I MARCH 17, 1931 Number 22

Luncheon Meeting
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, at 12:15 NOON

We will hear a talk which is world-wide in its scope, on the subject of

"YOUTH'S PLACE IN THE NEW WORLD ORDER"
the speaker will be

MISS MARTHA ROOT, an American journalist, magazine writer, and an international speaker, just returning from a "mission" visiting and lecturing trip around the world. She has attended important world conferences at Geneva, and has had private audiences with the Turkish Ambassador to Persia; His Majesty King I. of Albania; President Thomas Masaryk, founder and first president of the Republic of Czechoslovakia; His Majesty King Faisal of Iraq; and four audiences with Her Majesty Queen Marie of Rumania and the Princess Ileana.

Several other organizations wanted to hear Miss Root, and we are fortunate in being able to secure her for this meeting.

DENVER BEARS TO RECEIVE BACKLOG OF J. E. C.

Under the leadership of the Sports Committee, we have lined up behind the Denver Bears, believing that organized baseball as represented by a team of the Western League is an asset to the City of Denver; also because we believe that Milton Anderson, owner of the Bears, deserves our whole-hearted support in his attempt to keep the franchise here and to give Denver a good baseball club. Louis Albi, J. E. C. member, manager of one of the Malignant Company drug stores, red-hot baseball fan, has been put in charge of a special sub-committee to handle the distribution of season tickets. You will all hear from him later. Various plans for publicity, and for better attendance at games are being worked out, and will be presented to the organization at the season advances. We can give a needed impetus to baseball, and at the same time help our organization financially if we all get behind this activity.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A sincere welcome is extended by the Junior Chamber of Commerce to these new members:

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If you are not taking advantage of the daily luncheons at the Chamber of Commerce dining room you are passing up a good bet. The cost is only 25 cents, and you get a real meal. The Junior Chamber has a big table reserved for its members. It's an especially good opportunity to get better acquainted with the gang. Every day in the week except Friday and Saturday you'll find some of the bunch there.

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My Dear

Miss Martha L. Root:—

Your cordial letter of November 30, duly arrived. I thank you very much for your minute information about what you have done since I saw you a week ago.

Hoping every success of your important mission.

I remain
most faithfully yours

Y. Savațanu



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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July 7, 1919.

To Whom It May Concern:

The bearer of this letter, Miss Martha Root, whom I have known for many years--being connected with our Pittsburgh daily papers--among those who have interested themselves in welfare education, religious work, and the uplift of humanity generally, is about to do some work in South America

I take this opportunity to recommend her as reliable, efficient, and extremely capable in both magazine and correspondence work. Miss Root is one of highest religious character, most pleasing in manner, admired and loved by all who know her. It has been my privilege to work with her while she was educating foreign students in the Department of Industries, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It would be a pleasure to me to write personally to anyone seeking her help along any of the lines I have mentioned.

Very truly yours,

Clifford B. Connelley
Acting Commissioner.

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Committee on Appropriations,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

To whom it may concern:-

The bearer, Miss Martha L. Root of Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. is very well and favorably known to me.

She is a very charming and versatile writer of some considerable note in the United States, her articles appearing in several of the leading magazines and big Newspapers of the Country.

Her extensive travels, round the world, through continental Europe, and the East, studying conditions and problems of the various countries, have well fitted her for the work she so ably performs.

Milton W. Shreve

December 12-22

Milton W. Shreve, M.C.

MARTHA ROOT'S LECTURES IN CHICAGO AND VICINITY.

Miss Martha L. Root, American journalist, international lecturer and traveler was in Chicago from April 9 to May 3, 1931. Her program included the nearby cities as follows:-

Urbana and Champaign arranged by the local Spiritual Assembly.

- April 9, 7 P.M. University of Illinois, Urbana, Lincoln Hall, before students and townsmen. "Youth's Place in the New World Order." Professional Group, including professors, writers and artists, at the home of Miss G. Bussey.
- April 10, 1 P.M. Urbana D.A.R. Luncheon, "Universal Peace, How to Bring It." Champaign High School, 1000 students, 100 teachers from other schools. "Youth's Place in the New World Order." Urbana, University of Illinois, Lincoln Hall. "The New Internationalism."
- April 11, 3 P.M. Champaign-Urbana Woman's Club, Imman Hotel. "Great Women and Their Interests in World Peace." Sat. 7 P.M. Urbana, University of Illinois, Lincoln Hall. "The New Universal Education."
- April 12 4:30 P.M. Urbana, University of Illinois, Lincoln Hall. "My World Travels for Universal Peace."
- Arranged by Ruth J. Moffett.
- April 13 2 P.M. Chicago, Woman's Club of Peoples Church, Uptown Temple. "My World Travels in the Interest of Universal Peace."
- April 14, 10:15 A.M. Starrett School for Girls, Buxton Boulevard, Prof. Gerard Smith, Chairman. "Great Women and their Place in World Affairs." Tues. 11 A.M. Faculty Tea
- April 15 9 A.M. Evanston, Economics Department, Northwestern University, Prof J. R. Reed, Chairman. "What the East Can Give the West." Wed. 12:15 Students' Luncheon and Forum, "What is the Bahai Movement?" (30 Min. lecture, 1 Hour 30 Min. discussion).
- April 16 10:30 AM Chicago, Presidents' Conference, 1200 Club Presidents of Illinois Federation of Woman's Clubs. "What Women Can Do for Peace."
- April 17 10 A.M. North Park College, 5226 Foster Ave. "Youth's Place in the New World Order." 400 students and Faculty. Fri. 12:30 Ninth District Spring Luncheon, Webster Hotel, Mrs. J. J. Reynolds, President. "What Form will the New Civilization Take?"
- April 18 3 P.M. to 9 P.M., Bahai Reception for Martha Root to meet friends. Sat.
- April 19 2 P.M. Anthropological Social Forum, Capital Building, Dr. M. Lychehenheim, President. "Spiritual Solution of the Economic Problem." Sun. 8 P.M. Bahai Tagore Program, Bahai Headquarters, Lake View Building, "The Tagore School and India."
- April 20 9:30 AM Lewis Institute, Dr. Carman, President, "The New World Order." Mon. 8:30 PM Lydian Club of Northwestern University, "Woman's Place in the New World Order."

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- April 21 10:30 AM Lane Tech. High School, "Youth's Place in the New World Order." Tues. 1000 students.
- April 22 8:30 AM Evanston, Garrett Biblical Institute, Northwestern University, Chapel Service, "International Friendship," President P. C. Siselen.
- April 23 6 P.M. Esperanto Dinner and Lecture, Maxwell's Restaurant, "Esperanto the Universal Auxiliary Language." Thurs.
- April 24 12:30 Luncheon guests of Miss Jane Addams and Dr. Hamilton of Harvard. Fri. Hall House.
- April 25 8 P.M. International Party and Reception for Miss Root, Home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Moffett, 4526 Beacon Street, Ruth Moffett, Chairman. "What Form Will the New Civilization Take?" for Foreign Exchange Students.
- April 26 11 A.M. Metropolitan African American Church and Junior Church. Sun. 3:30 PM "World Conditions," Dr. J. M. Evans, Pastor. 4500 Members. Wilmette, Bahai Temple, Dr. Albert Windust, Chairman. "My World Travels in the Interest of Universal Peace." 7:30 PM Fellowship of Faiths, Uptown Temple, Dr. P. Bradley, Chairman. "Poverty Amidst Plenty-How Would My Faith Organize Production and Distribution." by Jew, Catholic, Protestant, Socialist Labor Leader and Bahai. 2000 present, 2500 turned away.
- April 27 3 P.M. Japan American Society Tea, Palmer House. "New Spirit of Japan." Mon. 6:30 Business and Professional Women's Club, Chicago Women's Club, "Woman's Place in the New World Order."
- April 28 10:30 Francis Parker School, Webster Place, "What You Can Do for Universal Peace." University Friendship Club. Tues. 2:15 PM Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom, Woman's City Club, "Your Contribution to Universal Peace." Miss Boynton, Chairman. 8:15 PM Jewish Peoples Institute, "The Awakening of China."
- April 29 Wed. All Day Conferences with Bahai Friends.
- April 30 10 A.M. All Day Session-National Bahai Teachers' Conference, Bahai Headquarters, "Teaching Problems." Thurs. 5:50 PM Broadcast over W.C.F.L. "Esperanto as a Universal Auxiliary Language." 8 P.M. Lecture before Esperantists of Chicago.
- May 1 9 A.M. Bahai National Convention, Bahai Temple. "Greetings." Fri. 6 P.M. Bahai National Convention, "Progress of Bahai Movement in Five Continents."
- May 2 9 A.M. Bahai National Convention, Bahai Temple. Sat. 6:55 PM Broadcast Lecture over W.C.F.L. "New Solution of the Economic Problem."
- May 3 9 A.M. Bahai National Convention, Bahai Temple. Sun. 3:30 PM "Persia's Contribution to Internationalism."
- May 4 9 A.M. Art Institute, Pullerton Hall, "Youth Movement in China." 11 A.M. Dean Kelley. 600 Art students and Faculty. An Interview with the Mayor of Chicago.

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July 17, 1931

To whom it may concern:

Miss Martha L. Root delivered an inspiring lecture to a group of the summer school students registered in our course in Principles of Education. Her contribution was most enthusiastically received, not only by the student but by visitors who were our guests during the exercises.

I heartily commend Miss Root to the favorable consideration of summer school directors who may be in search of an inspiring and informing educator who is able to put over her message with dignity and dispatch and who combines the happy faculties of being informing and entertaining at the same time. Because of the scope of her contacts in international affairs and because of her own pleasing personality traits, Miss Root captivates her audience and stimulates them mentally.

Very truly yours,

J. O. Wellman
Director of Summer School

JOW/T

July 18, 1931

Miss Martha Root,
% Louise Wright,
82 Ivy St.,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Miss Root:

Again I wish to thank you for your inspiring contribution made to our course in Principles of Education on Friday, July 17. I was much pleased that circumstances made it possible for us to give you a hearing.

I have received many favorable comments and also concerning Mrs. Richardson and Miss Wood.

I am enclosing a statement that I hope will be of the type that you desire.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. O. Wellman
Director of Summer School

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CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

October 2, 1930

Miss Martha L. Root
Yangtze Hotel, Room 2
Nanking

Dear Miss Root:

You are heartily invited to give us a short speech about forty-five minutes in the Memorial Service next Monday, October 6th. The meeting will begin at 11 o'clock A. M. You are expected to arrive at the University a few minutes earlier.

Many thanks for your kind promise.

Yours sincerely,

Chang Hui-Yen
Chang Hui-Yen
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To Whom It May Concern:

Miss Martha Root, traveler, writer, and lecturer, spoke to the students of McKinley High School, Wednesday, January 14, 1931.

Her talks had chiefly to do with the problem of building up international understanding. It was my observation that Miss Root's lectures were very well received by our students. It is also my opinion that her message should make an appeal to the young people in any community.

She will be most welcome at our school should she return to Honolulu.

Very sincerely,

Miles E. Cary

MEC:HK

Corner Colorado Street and Oakland Avenue
Pasadena, California

Miss Martha L. Root,
c/o Mrs. Stuart W. French,
501 Bellefontaine,
PASADENA, California.

Your gracious note of a few days since pleased me very much, and I thank you for it. Not only did I appreciate your courtesy in speaking over KFSN, but I also noted with pleasure your graciousness in the matter. I hope it will be our pleasure to meet again.

Sincerely yours,

Editor and Manager,
The Star-News.

WELL KNOWN WOMAN
WORLD TRAVELER IS TO
SPEAK TWICE IN DUBLIN

Miss Martha Root, internationally known lecturer, traveler, and journalist, will deliver two addresses in Dublin this week, the first Wednesday evening in the Dublin Community house and the second on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Arthur Jeffrey Parsons.

A friend of European royalty and important state personages, Miss Root has established a reputation as an advocate of peace. She has also gained recognition through her extensive study and use of Esperanto, the international language.

Her subject tomorrow night will be "The Solution of the Economic Problem from the Baha'i Standpoint." The address will be given at 7.30, Eastern Standard time, in the Dublin Community house.

Thursday evening at 5 p. m., Daylight Saving time, Miss Root will speak on "The Spiritual Forecast on the Present Tendencies Toward World Cooperation" at the home of Mrs. Arthur Jeffrey Parsons. A tea, served at 4 p. m., will precede the address.

Through her contacts with governmental officials in all parts of the world, Miss Root is considered to possess an authoritative understanding and knowledge of world affairs. She has been a delegate to several of the international conferences in Europe.

She has lectured in practically all world capitals, and has had audiences with King Zog of Albania and President Thomas G. Masaryk of Praha, Teufik Rouschty Bey, minister of foreign affairs of Turkey



MARTHA ROOT

Queen Marie of Roumania, and
King Feisal of Irak.

Miss Root has made a study of the Indian problems, and recently interviewed the famous Indian nationalist and poetess, Sarojina Naidu, in the Yeravada prison. She was entertained by the Maharajah of Patiala, Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes.

As a lecturer, Miss Root is known in England and on the Continent. She spoke at Oxford university, and has lectured at the leading German universities. Miss Root has also traveled and lectured in China and Japan, where she enjoys wide popularity.

Both of her addresses in Dublin are open to the public without charge. Persons interested in the promotion of peace and world co-operation are invited to attend.

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GAZETTE SQUARE

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 17, 1919.

To Whom It May Concern:

The bearer, Miss Martha L. Root, is a special representative of the Gazette Times. She has been entrusted by us on many occasions with the most important missions all of which she has successfully accomplished. Bespeaking for her your kind courtesy and attention. I am

Respectfully yours,

Managing Editor.

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To Whom It May Concern;
I am glad to testify to the
ability and energy of Mrs
Martha Root who has done
faithfully for this organization
and whom I consider to be an un-
usually worker.
Yours truly
Mrs Florence Jackson Stoddard

21 SEP 1937

Diary No.

MISS MARTHA ROOT

World Traveller

Peace Advocate

Baha'i Lecturer

I wish all our young
people who are thirsting for
the truth could hear Miss
Root's talk on present needs
and hopes for the future
Massachusetts Livingston Center
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February 19th, 1930

Dear Mrs Root,

Many thanks for Your kind letter.

The article on Persia is indeed very interesting and highly appreciated.

Concerning audience, as His Imperial

Majesty is now very busy, I am very sorry, that

cannot give a definite answer, arrangement

may be made when convenient. I shall send You

the photographs which You asked for shortly.

Yours faithfully

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No. 7.17/125/37-Att.

Dated the 22nd Sep. 1937.

To

Chief Secretary, Colombo.

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Your telegram dated 13th. Sept.

regarding Martha Louis Root. Govt.

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The charges entered upon this form have been duly paid in respect of the telegram indicated by number.
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No.

F. 17/125/37-Poll.

Dated

11-23rd
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To

The Chief Secy. to the Govt. of
Ceylon.

Subject: Issue of a visa to India to
Martha Louise Root.

Sir,

With reference to the corres-
pondence ending with the Home Deptt.
telegram, no. F. 17/125/37-Poll.,
dated the 2nd Sept. 1937, on the
subject noted above, (copy enclosed),
I am directed to request that the
sum of Rs. 1/- being the cost thereof
may be credited to the Govt. of India

I have etc,

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No. F. 17/125/37-Poll.

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forwarded to the Finance Deptt. for
information and communication to the
A.G., U.R.

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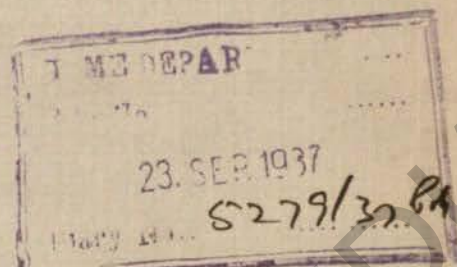
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Telegram.

From:- Chief Secretary, Colombo,

To :- Home Department, Simla.



Dated the 22nd Sept. 1937.

Should be grateful for early reply to my telegram
dated 13th September. Root.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

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The sequence of entries at the beginning of this telegram is—class of telegram, time handed in, serial number (in the case of foreign telegrams only), office of origin, date, service instructions (if any) and number of words.

This form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.

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No.1991/34-A.
Political and Reforms Department.
Bombay Castle, 20th September 1937.

From

Sir Charles Turner, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Reforms Department.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Home Department.

Subject: - Application for visa for India
by Miss Martha L. Root, American
subject, at Colombo.

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Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, No. 4299/F/2130, dated the 15th September 1937 and of its accompaniment, and to state that the Government of Bombay have no objection to the grant of visa for India to Miss Martha L. Root. I am therefore to request that if the Government of India have no objection, the Passport authorities at Ceylon may be informed accordingly..

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

McClintock
For Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Reforms Department.

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Copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Police,
Bombay, No. 4299/P/2130, dated the 15th September 1937.

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Subject: - Application for visa for India by
Miss Martha L. Root, American journalist
at Colombo.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of a letter dated the 8th September 1937, received by the Mayor of Bombay from Miss Martha L. Root, American subject, at present in Colombo. She desires to enter India and requests that the Passport authorities at Colombo may be asked to grant the necessary visa.

Miss Root was formerly in India, having arrived at Bombay on the 16th May 1930. This office has nothing on record against her.

I have no objection, if Government have none, to Miss Root being granted a visa for India.

Copy of a letter from Miss Martha L. Root (on board "President Pierce" -Dollar Steamship Lines-), dated the 8th September 1937 addressed to the Mayor of Bombay,

I am an American Magazine writer, representative of the Bahai Magazine "World Order" in New York. I am a Bahai and twice I have been through India. August 9 in Shanghai, I went to the British Consulate for a visa. He gave it: "Visa good for twelve months travelling to all British territory, British Protectorates and Mandated territory.

2). "Not available for Iraq, Palestine or the Sudan."

26 Then just as I was leaving he said that if I am a journalist (I had said in the written statement, I think, that I am a journalist and my passport says so) he must add something ~~xxx~~ and he took the passport and wrote underneath: "Not valid for India without authority from Government of India."

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He told me to get the India visa in Hongkong. I expected to be in Hongkong and Canton for several months.

Then that very week the air raids over International Settlement began. I nearly lost my life. Although I had a round the world steamship ticket on the N.Y.K. (Japanese) line and a reservation for August 25 on the "Asama Maru" for Hongkong, I let it go, and bought ticket on "President Jefferson" for Manila. I could only bring one suitcase (so many refugees, 500 on our ship) so I had to leave eleven suitcases and three packages of books in Shanghai.

All my addresses for Bombay and all India, all in the suitcases in Shanghai. I did not understand that I could not get a visa for India in any port quickly the same as other visas. The day I sailed on this ship I went to get a visa in Manila and they said there was not time. I arrived Singapore Sunday and Monday forenoon went to get the visa. He said there was not time and advised me to leave the ship and wait here till I hear from India. My American Consul advised me to stay on the ship and go as far as Colombo and meantime leave plenty of money here for the passport office to wire Bombay and get an answer to Colombo. I went over to leave twenty dollars, but they were very kind. After consultation they said to go on to Colombo and in Colombo telephone to Bombay, perhaps that would be cheaper, so I did not leave any money with them to telegraph Bombay.

When I was in Karachi in 1930, Mr. Mehta, the Mayor, was so kind to me. He presided twice when I spoke about the Bahai Teachings in Theosophical Hall and he gave a Garden Party for me. I remembered the address of the Bahais in Karachi. So I am sending (same time as this) an air mail letter to Mr. Baktiar (Bahai) (he knows the Mayor very well)

Bahai Hall, Preedy Road, Karachi. In the letter I explain about

about the visa and ask Mr.Baktiar if he will please consult Mr.Mehta and ask him to write Colombo Government please to give me a visa to Bombay.

Also I am sending an air mail letter to the American Consul, Bombay, explaining the situation and how it is that I do not have the addresses of the Bahais in Bombay. I tell him I have a friend, Mrs.Shirin Fozdar, her husband is a Physician in Bombay. If I could get word to her, she would tell the Bahais and they would help me get the visa.

Mr.Vakil, I think his initials are Mr.A.R.Vakil in Surat is a very fine man. A Bahai and a well known lawyer in Surat. Mrs.Shirin Fozdar and I visited Mr.and Mrs. Vakil and lectured in Surat, but also, I do not have his address.

It is only a technical question of the visa. It is not a question of my character. I love India and the people of India love me, and I have written about India and I think the people were very pleased. I write about the spiritual, cultural India. I lectured twice in the school of Rabindranath Tagore. In Hyderabad Deccan, I was the guest of the State, Sir Amin Jung Arranged it. I was the guest of the Maharaja of Patiala at Simla Hill for three days. Had an interview with the Maharajah of Benares and several other Indian Princes; spoke in many of the Universities. My father was a cousin of Mr.Elilen Root & the American statesman, and fortunately I have with me more than thirty letters of introduction from Sir Hornell, Vice Chancellor of Hongkong University where I lectured in 1930, letters from Harvard Professor where I lectured; letters from Governors and Statesmen also know me in my country.

I send this letter to you, to ask you, please, if you could telephone to Mrs.Fozdar and ask her to come

to see

to see you. She could bring to you books and magazines showing you my articles, and she could tell you about me.

If she knows about me she would tell the Bahais of Bombay and they would try to arrange about the visa. Or if she tells you about me, perhaps you would send a telegram to Colombo, authorising them to give the visa. If you do, I will pay for the telegram as soon as I get to Bombay. You see, Mr. Mayor, this was an emergency of War. Otherwise I would have had time to see about the visa in Hongkong even if they had to write to India and get a reply. If I do not get the visa in time to travel on this ship to Bombay, I shall stop in Colombo. In that case my address would be -

Martha L. Root, Care of American Consul, Colombo,
Ceylon.

Your Excellency, I thank you from the depths of my heart, for anything you may do to advise me, or help about the visa, or if you will try to tell Mrs. Shirin Fozdar.

With all good wishes to you and to your great country.

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True copies,
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For Superintendent.

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No. F.17/125/37-P Dated the 28th Sep 1937

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of Bombay,
Political and Reforms Deptt.

Subject: Issue of a visa to India to
Miss Martha Louise Root.

Sir,

With reference to your letter,

no. 1991/34-A, dated the 20th. Sep.

1937, I am directed to say that, in

reply to a telegraphic reference

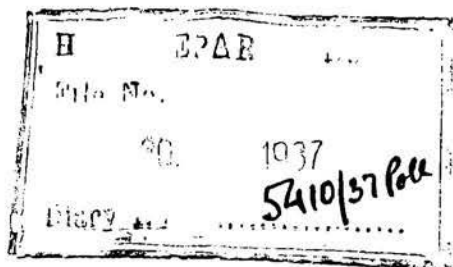
from the Govt. of Ceylon, that ^{sent-}
~~that~~ ^{were} ~~by telegram on the 22nd Sept~~
already been informed that the Govt

of India had no objection to the

grant of a visa to Miss Martha Louise

Root.

I have etc.,



No.D.154/37

Chief Secretary's Office,

P.O.Box No.500,

Colombo, 25th September, 1937.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram No.17 Poll. of the 22nd of September authorising the issue of a visa for India to Miss Martha Louise Root, an American citizen, I have the honour to inform you that a visa was granted to Miss Root on the 24th of September.

2. The Deputy Financial Secretary has been requested to make payment to you of a sum of Re.1/-, the cost of the telegram to which reference is made above.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for Chief Secretary.

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Home Department,
Simla.

Telegraphic Address:

ACCOUNTS.

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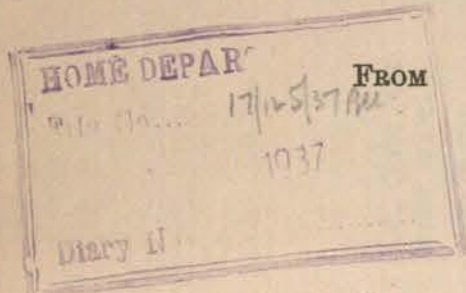
OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
CENTRAL REVENUES

NEW DELHI.

No. FC 4-4-1570.

dated the

25 OCTOBER 1937



THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
CENTRAL REVENUES,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Home Department, New Delhi.

Enclosures.

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SIR,

With reference to letter No.D.154/37, dated the 25th September 1937 from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Ceylon to your address, I have the honour to state that the Deputy Financial Secretary Ceylon has promised to afford credit for Re 1/- referred to therein in his account current with the Government of India for September 1937 and the amount will be adjusted in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. Bha Thachuray
Assistant Accounts Officer.

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Information

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Miss J. V. Ven

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